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In re Application of: :  
Krieger *et al.* :  
Application No. 09/489,293 :  
Filed: January 21, 2000 :  
Attorney Docket No. A-67845 :

DECISION ON REQUEST TO  
WITHDRAW FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, filed January 12, 2001.

The request is **APPROVED** to the extent set forth below.

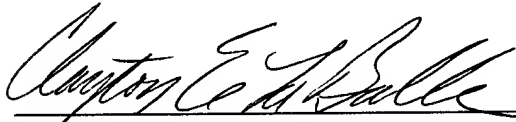
A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least thirty (30) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The request was signed by R. Michael Ananian with no clear indication that he is signing on behalf of the other attorneys of record, and there is no outstanding Office action for which a response is necessary.

Accordingly, the request is approved for withdrawal of R. Michael Ananian. The remainder of the attorneys listed on the Power of Attorney filed August 18, 2000 remain of record. Telephone calls to R. Michael Ananian failed to resolve the issue of whether the withdrawal was signed on behalf of all the attorneys of record.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Inquiries related to this decision should be directed to Clayton E. LaBalle at (703) 308-0519.



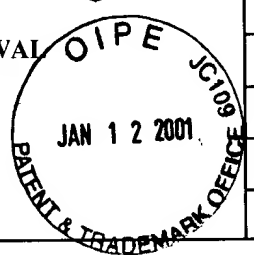
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enclosure: copy of Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent for James A. Sheridan

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| <b>REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL<br/>AS ATTORNEY OR AGENT</b> | Application Number                                  | 09/489,293       |
|                                                        | Filing Date                                         | January 21, 2000 |
|                                                        | First Named Inventor                                | Krieger          |
|                                                        | Title: Hydrodynamic Spindle Motor Sealing Technique |                  |
|                                                        | Attorney Docket Number                              | A-67845          |



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By Aurelia Caparas

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| <b>To:</b> Assistant Commissioner for Patents<br>Washington, D.C. 20231                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |
| <b>On behalf of Flehr Hohbach Test Albritton &amp; Herbert LLP ("The Firm") I hereby apply for withdrawal of The Firm as attorney or agent for the above identified application. The reasons for this request are:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                        |
| <b>At the request of the Applicant or its authorized representative, The Firm transferred prosecution responsibility and the entire prosecution file for this application to new patent counsel, namely:</b><br><b>James A. Sheridan</b><br><b>Thomason Moser &amp; Patterson LLP</b><br><b>4149-B El Camino Way</b><br><b>Palo Alto, California 94306-4036</b>                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                        |
| <b>A letter of the form attached hereto was used to transfer the files. This letter required that the Thomason Moser &amp; Patterson LLP file a Revocation of Power of Attorney for The Firm. The undersigned counsel believes that the Thomason Moser &amp; Patterson LLP Firm will imminently file a Revocation of Power of Attorney in this application. As The Firm is no longer responsible for this application, The Firm should be allowed to withdraw as counsel of record.</b> |                                                                                                        |
| <div style="text-align: right;"><b>RECEIVED</b><br/><b>JAN 24 2001</b></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><b>James A. Sheridan</b><br/><b>Thomason Moser &amp; Patterson LLP</b><br/><b>4149-B El Camino Way</b><br/><b>Palo Alto, California 94306-4036</b></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                        |
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| This request is enclosed in triplicate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | R. Michael Ananian, Reg. No. 35,050                                                                    |
| <b>Signature</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>R. Michael Ananian</u>                                                                              |
| <b>Date</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | January 5, 2000.                                                                                       |
| <b>Note:</b> Withdrawal is effective when approved rather than when received.<br>Unless there are at least 30 days between approval of withdrawal and the expiration date of a time period for response or possible extension or possible extension period, the request to withdraw is normally disapproved.                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                        |

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